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# Senate Hispanic Briefing Room

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## SUPREME COURT CONFIRMATION CENTER

### FRIST HAILS SENATE CONFIRMATION OF CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN ROBERTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D. (R-TN) today made the following after the Senate confirmed John Roberts as Chief Justice of the United States:

"With today's bipartisan confirmation vote of Chief Justice John Roberts, the Senate has fulfilled one of its most significant Constitutional responsibilities. Weighing Chief Justice Roberts' superior qualifications and commitment to reviewing the facts of each and every case before the court with an open mind and then faithfully applying the law, it's clear he possesses the qualities America expects and deserves in the leader of its highest court.

"I have every confidence that Chief Justice Roberts will serve with honor and distinction on the Supreme Court just as he has on the appellate bench. His respect for judicial restraint and the role of the judiciary to interpret the law and not legislate from the bench will ensure he is fair, respectful and stands only for principle and never politics.

"I congratulate our new chief justice and his family on this crowning professional achievement. As we move forward to fill the second vacancy on the High Court, I urge my colleagues to be mindful of the lessons that we've learned from Chief Justice Roberts' nomination. By focusing on qualifications and judicial philosophy rather than political ideology, we can continue to preserve the integrity of the judicial nominations process."

### Senator Frist Welcomes Hispanic Leaders to the US Senate

Senator Frist Addressed the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Senate Hispanic Leadership Summit and welcomed the over 400 participants from all 50 states. "I'm delighted to be here tonight, to say "Beinvenidos (Bee-eeN-ven-E-Doz) a Washington DC! As my friends from the Volunteer State can attest (Where are you? Raise your hands!) that's Spanish with a twist of Tennessee."

"We know to stay competitive, we've got to focus on education—making sure that students in Texas and Tennessee can compete with students in Thailand and Taiwan in science and math. We know we need to help more students graduate from high school, and succeed in college. That's why I worked to create a grant program this year that gives low-income students who major in math, science or engineering tuition assistance. They're called SMART grants, and they'll help bridge the education divide between middle and low-income students, and help keep America competitive in the sciences."

## WEEKLY NEWS

### Senator Hatch and Cornyn Host the United States Senate Hispanic Task force

Senator Cornyn stated "It was my great pleasure to participate in some of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month events in Washington, D.C. It is important to recognize not only the culture, but also the various contributions of the Hispanic community to our society."

"To better respond to the needs of the Hispanic community, the United States Senate Republican Conference Task Force on Hispanic Affairs meets every year during this special month to discuss issues of importance. This Task Force is comprised of well known leaders throughout the Hispanic community, administrative officials, senators and members of Congress. This year, the most discussed issues of concern were immigration reform, healthcare, jobs, the economy and education."

"As Vice Chairman of the United States Senate Republican Conference Task Force on Hispanic Affairs, it is very important to know the issues of concern and the needs of the Hispanic community in order to be able to respond to those needs. We accomplished many objectives this year, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in responding to these concerns as soon as possible."

### United States Senate The Week Ahead

The Senate will convene on Monday, October 3, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. and resume consideration of H.R. 2863, the Department of Defense Appropriations bill. A vote is expected on this bill next week

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